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1. No Soviet troops were stationed in Sopron (P 48/X 63) prior to 3 December 1950. Only Hungarian border guard units wearing green service color were stationed in the town. They were quartered in the barracks installation on Flandorfer Street, also called 48th Regt Barracks, and in the former cadet school, also called Rakoczi School. The barracks installation on Flandorfer Street was heavily occupied. Recruits of the 1929 and 1930 classes arrived there on 23 October 1950. (1)
2. According to a conservative estimate, the strength of the border guard troops stationed in Sopron was estimated at more than 1,000. The entire garrison was lined up, 12 deep, in Petoefi Square, for a celebration held in November 1950. The first two lines were armed with submachine guns, the others with rifles with bayonets. (2)
3. Border guard stations occupied in the vicinity of Sopron included Brennbergbanya (P 48/X 53); Agfalva (P 48/X 53); Luckwarte (Hill No 523), about 5 km southwest of the Sopron railroad station; and Goerbehalm, about 10 km west-southwest of Sopron. (3) The training grounds of the border guard units was east of the Sopron-Marka (P 48/X 63) highway.
4. Recruits from Sopron and its vicinity were inducted on 23 October 1950. None of them were assigned to the border guard units in the town. Szentes (Y 7/O 32), a signal troops post; Oorkeny/Tabor (Q 48/N 78), a cavalry post; Budapest, an AAA troops post; and Debrecen (R 48/K 40), were among the induction stations of which source's informants heard. (4) Recruits were also inducted into border guard units stationed along the Yugoslav border.
5.                      14 other men of the 1930 class from Magyarlak, were registered for the draft on 15 September 1950. Of those registered eight were inducted immediately, two were given deformedents and

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five were not inducted at all. (5)

6. Those inducted had to report to an infantry unit in Marcali (Y 4/A 68), and artillery units in Papa (P 48/Y 13), Keszthely (Y 4/V 40) and Pescszentloerine (Q 48/H 61).

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- (1) The 17th Border Guard Co of the 6th Border Guard Pn was located in Sopron in the summer of 1950. [redacted] Another border guard company which had been observed there previously was transferred to some other location in October 1949. [redacted] According to available information, the 1929 class was due for induction in the fall of 1950.
- (2) There is a possibility that the border guard troops in Sopron have been reinforced since 1950. However, 1,000 men seems to be greatly exaggerated.
- (3) These border guard detachments are believed to be attached to the border guard company in Sopron.
- (4) Soldiers wearing yellow service color, who have so far been considered as cavalry, were located in Szentes in May 1950. Oerkeny was known to be a cavalry training center and later a remount depot.
- (5) The 1930 class was not due for induction in 1950. However, there are indications that members of this class were actually inducted in 1950. [redacted]

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